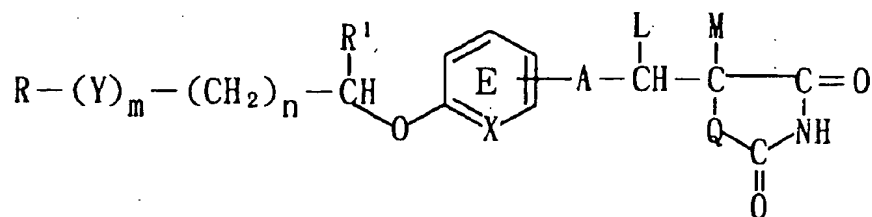


## ABSTRACT

An anti-inflammatory agent which affects by way of a  
 TNF- $\alpha$  inhibitory action and comprises a compound of the  
 formula:



wherein R represents a hydrocarbon group that may be  
 substituted or a heterocyclic group that may be  
 substituted; Y represents a group of the formula -CO-,  
 -CH(OH)-, or -NR<sup>3</sup>- where R<sup>3</sup> represents an alkyl group that  
 may be substituted; m is 0 or 1; n is 0, 1 or 2; X represents  
 CH or N; A represents a chemical bond or a bivalent aliphatic  
 hydrocarbon group having 1 to 7 carbon atoms; Q represents  
 oxygen or sulfur; R<sup>1</sup> represents hydrogen or an alkyl group;  
 ring E may have further 1 to 4 substituents, which may form  
 a ring in combination with R<sup>1</sup>; L and M respectively represent  
 hydrogen or may be combined with each other to form a  
 chemical bond; or a salt thereof.